



## Statewide Video Advisory Council

c/o Wilton Town Hall  
238 Danbury Road  
Wilton, CT 06897

October 31, 2008 Unapproved Minutes

Present: Gregory Davis, John Eberhard, Alex Fraser (via telephone), Carol Hartman (at 6:37pm), Susan Huizenga (at 7:10pm), Jim Kelley, Merja Lehtinen (via telephone), Cary Nadel (via telephone), Edward Pizzella, Temporary Co-Chairman Don Saltzman, Aldo Sicuso, Marlene Silverstein, Temporary Co-Chairman Stephen Simonin, Robert Zavod, M.D. (alternate for Peter Sielman), AT&T Representatives Tom Buckley, John Emra, Kinson Perry and Bill Turner

The meeting was called to order at 6:13pm by Temporary Chairman Don Saltzman.

*Election of Officers:* Edward Pizzella, seconded by Don Saltzman, made the ***motion to nominate Aldo Sicuso Treasurer of the Statewide Video Advisory Council (SVAC).*** The motion carried unanimously.

Stephen Simonin, seconded by Marlene Silverstein, made the ***motion to nominate Merja Lehtinen as Secretary of SVAC.*** The motion carried unanimously.

Don Saltzman, seconded by Aldo Sicuso, made the ***motion to nominate Edward Pizzella Vice Chairman of SVAC.*** The motion carried unanimously.

Edward Pizzella, seconded by Aldo Sicuso, made the ***motion to nominate Don Saltzman as Chairman of SVAC.*** Greg Davis, seconded by Jim Kelley, made the ***motion to nominate Stephen Simonin as Chairman of SVAC.*** The vote was:

For Don Saltzman: Aldo Sicuso, Ed Pizzella, John Eberhard, Don Saltzman, Marlene Silverstein and Cary Nadel.

For Stephen Simonin: Merja Lehtinen, Stephen Simonin, Greg Davis, Robert Zavod and Jim Kelley.

Abstain: Carol Hartman

Don Saltzman was elected Chairman of SVAC by a vote of 6, 5, 1.

*Update from AT&T:* Kinson Perry explained and distributed copies of:

1. brochures which will be sent to potential customers;
2. list of "go to" people;
3. contract form for interconnection agreement with access providers;
4. PEG equipment information sheet; and
5. AT&T's PEG roadmap for PEG service.

A question and answer session ensued concerning the information distributed.

John Emra reported that he has spoken with several providers, but to date no interconnection agreement has been made with a cable company. He also explained that the law states that the parties must “negotiate in good faith”; it is not mandatory that an interconnection agreement be signed. After some questioning, Mr. Emra stated that when an interconnection agreement is reached with a cable company, he will inform SVAC of that fact and the amount of subscriber funds that was forwarded.

*Secretary's Report:* No minutes were available from the April 24, 2008 or the June 18, 2008 meeting. They will be presented at the January meeting.

*2009 Meeting Schedule:* Following review of the master calendar which was compiled after the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, Don Saltzman, seconded by Marlene Silverstein, made the ***motion to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the odd months of the year except for July.*** The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting dates for 2009 are as follows: January 28, 2009, March 25, 2009, May 27, 2009, September 23, 2009, November 25, 2009 and January 27, 2010.

*Treasurer's Report:* Aldo Sicuso reported that approximately \$6,800.00 still remained in the bank from the former state council. He was instructed to open a new account in SVAC's name. Marlene Silverstein, seconded by Jim Kelley, made the ***motion to have the Treasurer and Vice Chairman as signatories to the checking account with only one signature required on the checks.*** The motion carried unanimously.

*New Business:* Marlene Silverstein, seconded by Stephen Simonin, made the motion ***to add to the agenda “notification of agenda and minutes”.*** The motion carried unanimously. Marlene Silverstein reported that in her conversation with Tom Hennick of FOI, she was reminded that the law has not caught up with technology yet and, therefore, the law still states that notification of agenda and minutes must be made via hardcopy through the mail or hand delivered. Since all council members and AT&T representatives have access to email, she believed that the council could vote to accept agendas and minutes via email rather than mail. Stephen Simonin, seconded by Don Saltzman, made the ***motion to have the Secretary notify council members, AT&T representatives, and others wishing agendas and minutes to receive them via email.*** The motion carried unanimously.

Stephen Simonin, seconded by Don Saltzman, made the ***motion to add the by-laws to the agenda.*** The motion carried unanimously. Marlene Silverstein suggested that a by-laws subcommittee be named to give the proposed by-laws a final review before vote to adopt because she found typos, grammar and wording which needed amending. Chairman Don Saltzman appointed Gregory Davis, Marlene Silverstein and himself to be the by-laws subcommittee and report back to SVAC at its next meeting.

Merja Lehtinen, seconded by Aldo Sicuso, made the ***motion to adjourn at 8:07pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Silverstein  
Secretary Pro Tempore